



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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September 4, 2006

### Rains Finally Ease Dry Conditions

Tropical storm, Ernesto eased dry soil condtions and resulted in farmers having **4.8 days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 3, 2006. Maryland farmers received between 2 to 9 inches of rain last week. A few farmers are starting their fourth cutting of other **hay**.

Almost 87 percent of the **corn** crop is in the dent stage and 53 percent is mature. Over half of the farmers are chopping **corn** for silage. The tropical storm brought much need rain Friday, but the wind caused some corn to fall over. Over 92 percent of **soybeans** are setting pods and 17 percent are turning color. Apples were rated 3 percent fair, 96 percent good and 1 percent excellent

**Pastures** is rated 10 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 22 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. **Hay** supplies are 7 percent very short, 13 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

Item		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<b>Field Crops</b>		<i>Percent</i>			
<b>Corn:</b>	<b>Dent</b>	87	85	61	65
	<b>Mature</b>	53	30	25	30
	<b>Corn for Silage</b>	65	0	41	34
<b>Soybeans:</b>	<b>Setting Pods</b>	92	88	81	80
	<b>Turning Color</b>	17	9	6	9
	<b>Dropping Leaves</b>	7	3	1	5
<b>Hay</b>					
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	90	87	92	88
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	41	40	41	32
<b>Other Hay</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	50	48	51	59
	<b>4th Cutting</b>	5	4	5	9
<b>Vegetables Harvested</b>					
<b>Cantaloups</b>		85	80	92	86
<b>Cucumbers</b>		80	78	89	78
<b>Lima Beans</b>		78	77	71	54
<b>Potatoes</b>		79	78	81	90
<b>Snap Beans</b>		87	86	94	87
<b>Sweet Corn</b>		88	87	89	88
<b>Tomatoes</b>		81	75	78	77
<b>Watermelons</b>		80	77	86	82
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>					
<b>Apples</b>		47	44	48	29
<b>Peaches</b>		96	96	90	91

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
<b>Very Short</b>	7	48	11	11	34	13
<b>Short</b>	21	41	26	25	40	21
<b>Adequate</b>	60	11	60	59	26	61
<b>Surplus</b>	12	-	8	5	-	5

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	3.65	25.46	-2.54	96	59	73	0
Frederick	1.87	26.94	0.16	91	56	72	4
Frostburg	2.77	25.10	-8.19	81	51	65	1
Hagerstown	2.21	23.73	-2.7	88	54	70	-2
Mechanicsville	9.11	32.72	1.65	91	58	73	2
Patuxent River	6.09	24.77	-4.21	96	59	76	4
Ocean City	4.58	23.18	-8.58	94	58	75	3
Salisbury	7.00	30.83	-1.01	94	56	74	2
Sharpsburg	3.07	28.60	1.82	90	55	71	3
Stevensville	2.79	28.97	0.22	91	58	74	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.78	32.39	5.97	95	60	75	-2
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	2.87	27.08	-2.96	88	61	73	-2
Georgetown	4.70	30.02	-0.89	93	57	74	3
Wilmington	3.48	32.64	4.53	84	59	71	-2

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.  
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